

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-234-S - ORDER NO. 98-500

JULY 1, 1998

IN RE:	Application of Terraceway Service Company,)	ORDER
	Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of North 21,)	APPROVING
	Prescott Terrace, and Starlite Sewer)	TRANSFER
	Collection and Transmission Systems to the)	
	City of Columbia,)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Terraceway Service Company, Inc. (Terraceway or the Company) requesting approval of the transfer of North 21, Prescott Terrace, and Starlite Sewer Collection and Transmission Systems to the City of Columbia (the City).

Terraceway owns and operates the sewage collection and treatment systems serving Prescott Terrace, North 21 and Starlite Subdivisions. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has required that Terraceway close its treatment facilities, connect to the City of Columbia's connector line, and use the City's regional treatment plant to treat its waste. Terraceway has two options: (1) Turn its entire system over to the City, in which case the customer will be served by the City of Columbia; or (2) Keep its distribution systems and pay the City for transportation and treatment of the sewer, in which case the customer would pay Terraceway for its distribution service, plus a fee for transportation and treatment by the City. While the fee paid to the City would be higher than the present fee, it would be

lower than the fee Terraceway would have to charge if it purchases transportation and treatment from the City. Terraceway therefore requests that the Commission grant it the ability to carry out the first option, i.e. to turn its entire system over to the City, and have the customers serviced by the City of Columbia.

The Commission's Executive Director directed Terraceway to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area one time a Notice of Filing that would allow for public participation in this process. The Company was also required to serve each of its customers personally with a Notice of Filing. Terraceway filed an affidavit with the Commission which showed that it followed the directions of the Executive Director. One Protest was received, but no Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, the Company asks for waiver of the hearing and approval of the transfer.

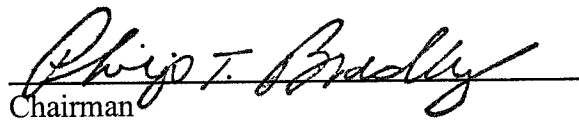
Regulation 103-504 states that, in order for a transfer to take place, such as that which is contemplated here, this Commission must issue a certificate that the transfer is in the public interest. The Regulation also calls for a "due hearing" after notice. However, Regulation 103-501(3) states that this Commission may waive a regulation upon a finding that such waiver is in the public interest. At this point, we grant waiver of the hearing. Only one protest was received, and we believe that it is in the public's health interest to allow transfer of these systems to the City of Columbia as quickly as possible.

Accordingly, we have reviewed the entire record in this case, and hold that the requisite certificate is hereby issued, since we believe that the transfer is in the public interest. For health reasons, SCDHEC has required that Terraceway close its treatment

facilities, and the option proposed by the Company appears to be the most economical for the public. The transfer is hereby approved as requested.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



ACTING Executive Director

(SEAL)